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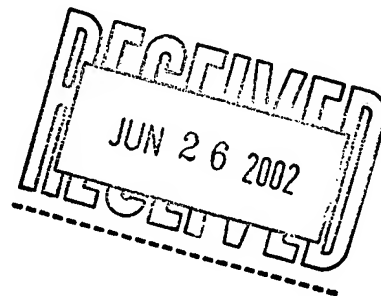
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- ☐ The listed references were cited in the enclosed International Search Report in a counterpart foreign application.
- ☐ The "concise explanation" requirement (non-English references) for reference(s) [ ] under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) is satisfied by:
- ☐ the explanation provided on the attached sheet.
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  - ☐ submission of the enclosed International Search Report.
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- ☐ A copy of each above-cited application, including the current claims, is enclosed.
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